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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 259

28 January 1958

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1. The following were present:

Mr. D. J. Clinton	State
Mr. R. S. Kain	State
Col. D. H. Smith	Army
Mr. J. A. Minogue	Army
Cdr. J. A. Baldridge	Navy
LGdr. H. W. Holschuh	Navy
Mr. H. P. Noland	Navy
Mr. Chas. P. Berney	Air Force
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	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice Chairman)
	CIA (Secretary)

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* In attendance for review of Chapter I.

2. Review of Chapter I on Rumania

The Committee reviewed the Chapter I on NIS 22 (Rumania) and approved the draft with minor changes. The Chapter I Task Group was requested to review the detailed comments by the member agencies. The Committee decided to control this Chapter I in view of contributor controls placed on "Comments on Principal Sources" of Sections 12 and 18.

On the matter of Chapter I controls, and particularly with respect to "Comments on Principal Sources," the chairman again urged the members to recommend to their agencies more realistic control policies that would permit release of Chapters I on the Bloc countries to [redacted]. He questioned the necessity [redacted] in this instance for controls on "Comments on Principal Sources" where the generalized nature of the information therein must surely be known [redacted].

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3. NIS Annuals

The chairman noted that the deadline for contributions to the pilot NIS Annual on Poland is 1 February 1958 (refer to Item 2 NCM 256). Providing all contributions are submitted on time, and he stressed the importance of timeliness in NIS Annual production, the Chapter I Task Group will review and edit them during the first part of the week of 3 February and, by the end of that week, submit first draft copies with Section comments to the members. The Committee meeting of 11 February will be largely concerned with review of this Annual, examination of capabilities, and the development of an adequate production schedule for NIS Annuals.

4. NIS Commendations

The Committee discussed at some length the proposal to award annually NIS commendations to those who have made outstanding contributions to the NIS program (refer to Item 7 NCM 258). The essential provisions of the proposal are:

- a. Each NIS Committee member may nominate by 30 June of each year five persons from his agency for this commendation.
- b. The NIS Committee will consider these nominations at its first meeting after 1 July of each year and select those who in the opinion of the Committee fully merit this distinction.
- c. The annual list of awards will be published in the official proceedings of the NIS Committee and individual letters of commendation, together with engraved certificates, will be presented to the recipients in appropriate ceremony.

The Committee agreed in principle to the provisions of the proposal and asked the chairman to work out the details for final Committee approval and issuance as NIS Memo No. 6.

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5. Annex to the NIS Production Forecast

The members were handed copies of the "Annex to the NIS Production Forecast for FY 1959-60-61" dated 28 January 1958, which lists NIS units planned for consolidation or omission as an NIS production requirement (refer to Item 6 NCM 258). The chairman explained that the Annex included all agencies' comments, with a few exceptions which were discussed by the Committee. The listing of NIS units not to be produced was developed as an Annex to the NIS Production Forecast to provide for its annual review in conjunction with each new forecast.

6. Other Matters

a. The Committee approved a request from ORR/CIA contained in memorandum dated 23 January 1958 to reschedule Section 64 on Poland from 28 February 1958 to 15 April 1958 in order to incorporate important new information.

b. The Committee took under advisement a memorandum from the Army member dated 27 January 1958 concerning the use of a new form for notifying the State-Defense Military Information Control Committee on release of NIS [REDACTED] 25X1X7

7. The next meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 11 February 1958. [REDACTED]

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